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Foundations of College Writing

Interview Assignment

Interviewing Professor Damiso Josey was not only a very interesting experience, but it was an experience that was close to my heart. Professor D.Josey is not only someone who has worked in my career, but he is also my God dad. Not only did I receive vital information from Professor D.Josey but I took on a new admiration towards him.

Professor D.Josey graduated with his Master’s Degree from Temple University in Mass Communication. Later on he worked as an Operations Manager at ABC news. Knowing this is an honor to me, I hope to one day reach this accomplishment. Currently he holds the title of Assistant Principal at Alder Middle School, Online Instructor at University of Phoenix Online, and TV/Media Teacher at Hammonton High School. Professor D.Josey informed me that the writing that he does varies depending on the project he is working on. He has written narratives, documentary style and journalistic style news report writing. Learning this about Professor D.Josey had me feeling a little torn. Although these things interest me I realized that these things not only require a lot of writing but they require a proficient type of writing as well. It made me realize I need to work hard on becoming a better writer. In addition to that he writes a lot of professional correspondence things like emails and memos.

When Professor D.Josey informed me that his purpose for writing is for professional communication, I was not very much surprised. What caught my attention was he said his purpose “Usually it involves organization of projects and lessons. I also do creative writing to create/develop videos.” Writing for that purpose to me makes writing seem more fun. Another Pro to his purpose is his audience. Professor D.Josey states his audiences include his colleagues, teenagers and his surrounding community. He states he has written things for audiences that range from elementary aged children to adults. The fact that his writing affects people of all ages is very moving to me. Professor D.Josey says writing is something he likes to do. He claims the creative writing he does lays the ground work for him to create something. He believes being able to bring his writing to life in the form of video and film is an awesome opportunity.

Lastly, Because Professor D.Josey is in the media field he has two articles that he admires. They are “China Can't Fully Fix Air Quality Problem For Olympics” by Space Daily and “Beijing Able to Honor Olympic Commitments City Party Chief” by Xinhua News Agency. He likes those articles because they highlight the difference between freedom of speech and censorship that exist between the United States and China. Doing this interview was an honor. It has me thinking a lot about how important writing is in my career. I know if I work hard enough I can do anything I want to. I hope one day to be able to use writing just as my God dad D.Josey does.